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PRODUCTION OF COTTON
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of production of cotton in the country, particularly in Tamil Nadu during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether the production of the same has been steeply declined during the above period;

(c) if so, the details along with the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to boost the production of cotton?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): The State-wise details of production of cotton in the country, including Tamil Nadu, during the last three years (2004-05 to 2006-07) is given in the Annexure.

(b): No, Sir.

(c): Does not arise.

(d): A Technology Mission on Cotton is under implementation in the cotton growing States of the country since 2000-01 for increasing the productivity and production of cotton by focusing on increasing availability of cotton seeds, covering more area under hybrids, thrust for evolving area specific technology, popularization of integrated pest management, increasing efficient use of irrigation water, field demonstrations for transfer of technology to farmers and farmers` training.

The Central Institute for Cotton Research and the Centres of the All India Coordinated Cotton Improvement Project are developing high yielding varities/ hybrids to increase the production of cotton in the country. These organizations also produce breeder seeds of varieties and parental lines of hybrids for further multiplication by seed producing agencies for supply of certified seeds to cotton growers.